LNG Terminal at Kochi

536. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI:
SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether necessary permission has been accorded to the setting up of an LNG terminal at Kochi;

(b) if so, the details of the project including the expected cost of the project;

(c) whether fresh tenders were floated in this regard;

(d) if so, the names of the companies participated in the tender and also the companies selected; and

(e) the present status of the project?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Necessary statutory permission/ approvals, including Central Environment Clearance, have been obtained by M/s. Petronet LNG Limited (PLL), a joint venture compay promoted by Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL), Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC), GAIL (India) Limited (GAIL) and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL). All pre-project activities of the project have been completed. The Cochin Port Trust has allocated 40 hectares of land. PLL has also started work on further activities, including selection of a lumpsum turnkey Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) contractor for project construction and time Charter Party for hiring an LNG tanker for transportation of LNG to Kochi. The estimated cost of the project is around Rs. 2,200 crore.

(c) Yes, Sir. Petronet LNG Limited has floated Request for Qualification (RFQ) documents for short-listing of prospective bidders for the EPC of the LNG Terminal at Kochi and for Chartering of an LNG Ship for the transportation of 2.5 MMTPA of LNG. The RFQ documents are open for sale with effect from November 16, 2004 and the last date for the submission of the RFQ is December 31, 2004.

(d) Since the last date for submission of RFQ is December 31, 2004, the question of selection of parties at this stage does not arise.

(e) The present status of the project is as stated above.

Oil Refineries

†537. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the oil refineries working in public and private sectors in various States of the country;

(b) the amount invested by Government in these refineries during the last three years;

(c) whether Government have formulated any National scheme in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) The details of the Oil Refineries working in public sector and private sectors in various States of the country are given in the enclosed statement (*See* below).

(b) The Government has not invested any amount in these refineries during the last three years.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.